

The Body

Two words: **Use Paragraphs!** Students who don't have paragraphs fail!

The body of the essay should ALWAYS be divided into paragraphs. Never write just one long paragraph. Why?

The white space makes your essay easier to read.

Having paragraphs shows that you have (probably) put related ideas together.

How many paragraphs in the body? Either two paragraphs ([3773](#)) or three ([35553](#)).

When do I use 3773 or 35553 layouts?

When do I use two paragraphs or three paragraphs in the body? When do I use 3773 or 35553? It depends on your ideas.

Use TWO paragraphs (3773) if you are giving **both sides of the argument** or situation - one paragraph for, and one against (or the opposite).

Use THREE paragraphs if you are **only giving one side**.

So...

	3773	3773		35553	35553
Intro			Intro		
Para 1			Para 1		
Para 2			Para 2		
Conclusion			Para 3		
			Conclusion		

Use TWO paragraphs (3773) to **agree** in one paragraph and then **disagree** in the second paragraph.

Use TWO paragraphs (3773) to **disagree** in one paragraph and then **agree** in the second paragraph.

Use THREE paragraphs (35553) if you are **agreeing in all three** paragraphs.

Use THREE paragraphs (35553) if you are **disagreeing in all three** paragraphs.

Finally, even if you are completely confused and your ideas are all mixed up, you should still make a paragraph. Just skip a line somewhere. Your essay will be easier to read.

What Makes a Body Look Good?

Topic Sentence

Argument or Reason 1

Example, Explanation, or supporting detail

Argument or Reason 2

Example, Explanation, or supporting detail

Argument or Reason 3 (***Three is a magic number. Always aim to have 3 ideas.***)

Example, Explanation, or supporting detail

Paragraph summary (*optional*)

Example

Is Education Being Devalued?

Topic Sentence

- People have several arguments against the need for degrees.

Argument or Reason 1

- They say that having so many graduates devalues a degree.

Example, Explanation, or supporting detail

- People lose respect for the degree holder.

Argument or Reason 2

- It is also claimed that education has become a rat race,...

Example, Explanation, or supporting detail

- ...since graduates have to compete for jobs even after years of studying.

Argument or Reason 3

- Another point is that studying for such a long time leads to learners becoming inflexible.

Example, Explanation, or supporting detail

- By that I mean that they know a lot about one narrow subject, but are unable to apply their skills.

Example, Explanation, or supporting detail
(You can have one, two, or even more of these for every idea)

- Employers, on the other hand, prefer more flexible and adaptable workers.